



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 596

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 25, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 596 would increase the legal services fee by two dollars from \$5.25 to \$7.25. This fee is included in the court costs for juvenile, county, and district court cases, appeals to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court and actions to modify decrees of dissolution, annulment, child support, and custody and visitation cases. Small claims case filings are exempt from this fee. The fees are collected in the Legal Aid and Services Fund which is administered by the Commission on Public Advocacy. The money is distributed through grants to non-profit service providers of free civil legal services to eligible low-income persons.

The two dollar increase would yield approximately \$600,000 annually.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Brad Ashford